

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Barbara B. Yell Shaffer Farm and Mason/Wilt Cemetery Inventory Number: G-V-A-148

Address: 2404 Mason School Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Table Rock

Owner: Eric S. Martin et al. Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 27 Tax Map Number: 91 Tax Account ID Number: 08-003734

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This property was surveyed in 1981 as the Barbara B. Yell Farm and Cemetery. However, this property is misnamed and mismapped in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the MHT GIS. This DOE form includes the correct name and location of the buildings described in the 1981 MIHP form.

The Shaffer Farm is located at the end of a long unpaved farm lane. The house, constructed ca. 1890 (USGS 1899, 1908), is oriented to face north. The two-story, three-bay by one-bay house is constructed of vertical plank construction and is clad with aluminum siding. In 1981, the building had a one-story ell on the south elevation and a one-story, shed roof lean-to along the west elevation. Currently the house is undergoing major renovations. The siding has been replaced on the west elevation with stone facing. The north elevation is currently awaiting new siding. All windows and doors have been replaced with modern units. The window in the west end is now a double-hung window with an arched top. A sliding glass door provides access to the west gable end. The one-story ell and the lean-to have been removed. A one-story particle-board addition now spans the entire width of the south (rear) elevation. The primary entry is through the new addition. A large stone chimney projects from the rear

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/7/05
Date

Peter Skantz
Reviewer, NR Program

4/7/05
Date

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of the addition. The one-story, three-bay porch along the north elevation has been replaced with a wrap-around porch and covered deck that spans the north and west elevations. The porch has new porch posts but retains the spindle railing on the north elevation. The spindle railing is continued along the new porch on the west elevation. The original doorway located in the center of the north elevation has been enclosed and a large front-facing gable addition is under construction in the center of the second story of the north elevation. All roofs are sheathed with modern standing-seam metal. The house no longer retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association to convey an association with a late nineteenth or early twentieth-century farmstead.

A large collection of early-to-mid-twentieth-century outbuildings is located west of the house. These buildings include two frame bank barns, a granary, two storage and equipment sheds, a concrete-block cow shed, and two concrete silos. The large bank barn rests on a stone foundation with a wood-frame upper section clad with vertical wood boards. The gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal siding. The bank is in the south elevation. This opening has sliding wood doors. A one-story metal shed spans the west elevation of the barn.

A granary is located east of the main bank barn. This wood-frame building is clad with plywood and metal sheeting. The wood section is elevated on a concrete-block foundation. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal.

The one-story, wood-frame storage and equipment shed is located east of the granary. This one-story building is clad with asphalt shingle siding. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal.

The ca. 1950 cow barn is a concrete-block building with an arched metal roof. A run-in shed projects from the northwest end of the building. The east elevation has a doorway. Two concrete silos are located southwest of the cow shed.

The second bank barn is smaller. This bank barn has a concrete-block foundation with a wood-frame upper section clad with vertical wood siding. The gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. A wood-frame addition supported on wood posts spans the north elevation.

A one-story, corrugated metal sided and roofed equipment shed is located east of the second bank barn.

A modern metal trailer and a metal shed are located east of the house. A concrete root cellar occupies a hillside directly south of the house.

The 1981 MIHP form noted the presence of a frame workshop and a frame springhouse. These resources have been removed.

The cemetery is located several hundred feet west of the house and outbuildings north of the farm lane. The cemetery contains possibly nine graves. The stone inscriptions are:

1. David Wilt/Died/May 8, 1868/ in his 71 year
2. David Wilt/died 1871, Age 71
3. Lydia Wilt b. 1841 d. 1908
4. Alice V., daughter of J. Mc* and M.A. Mason, died March 21 1863 5. Ann E., daughter of J. Mc and M.A. Mason, died March 31 1863 in her ____ year
6. J.M. and M.A. Mason, died 1863
7. Sarah Mason, d. 1851 Age 15
8. Elizabeth Mason d. 1838 7 day old
9. Jane S. Mason d. 1851 Age 5

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* possibly J. McClure Mason

The presence of the cemetery suggests that early occupiers of the property were the Mason and the Wilt families. The family name of Wilt was reported as early settlers in the beginning of the 1800s near the mouth of the Savage River and in Green Glades (north of Deer Park) (Schlosnagle 1978:66, 70). Weeks (1949:92) identified the McClures and the Masons as descended from the Scots who emigrated to the United States between 1763 and 1831. In 1876, the property comprising 186 acres including military lots 1138, 1140, 1144 in their entirety and parts of military lots 1135 and 1145 was the result of a subdivision between Henry Ridder and Benjamin C. Schaffer (also spelled Shaffer) (Garrett County Land Records 317:277). The property remained in Shaffer ownership until 1948 (Garrett County Land Records 153:11). At no time was the property owned by the Yell family.

The main house appears to date from the late nineteenth century and was probably associated with the occupation of the Schaffer family. The barns and outbuildings date from the early to mid-twentieth century. The main house has been so altered that it no longer retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling to illustrate a type, period, or method of construction (Criterion C) as a domestic building. Alterations to the house have also compromised the integrity of the farmstead to illustrate agricultural patterns in Garrett County from the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries (Criterion A). The agricultural outbuildings are not physically significant examples of their types, periods, or methods of construction to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The house is not documented as associated with a significant person in the past (Criterion B).

The cemetery was not evaluated as part of this documentation.

References

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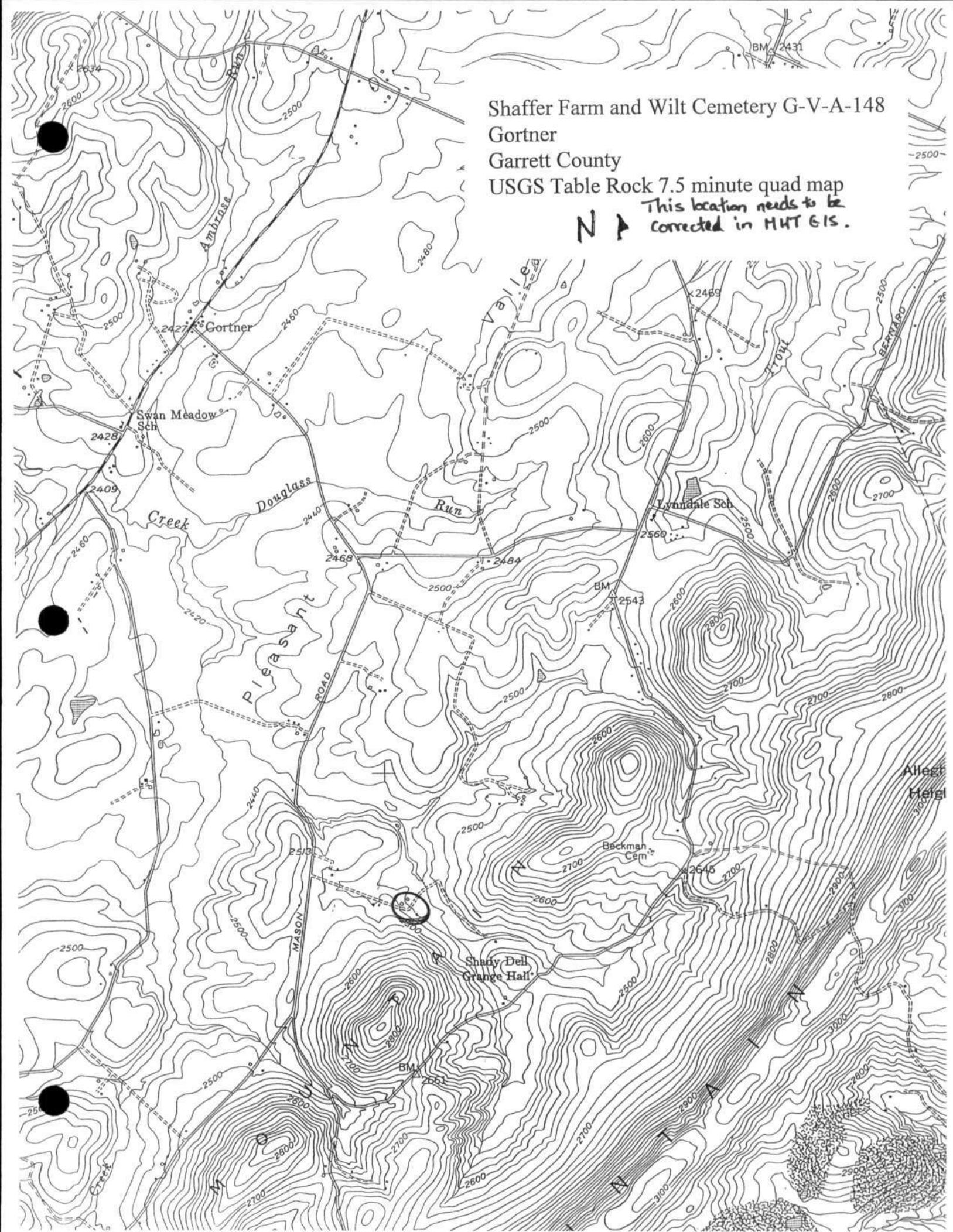
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Shaffer Farm and Wilt Cemetery G-V-A-148
Gortner
Garrett County
USGS Table Rock 7.5 minute quad map



This location needs to be
corrected in MHT GIS.





MHP# - G-V-A-148

SHAFFER FARM & MASON / WILT CEMETERY
GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

RCGA

JANUARY 2005

MD 5890

DWELLING, VIEW E

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ca. 1900

Barbara B. Yell Farm & Cemetery

Table Rock

Private

The Barbara Yell Farmhouse, a two-story, three bay by one bay frame dwelling has been so altered that it lacks architectural significance. A better example is G-V-A-033.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Barbara B. Yell Farm & Cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off Mason Rd., (approx. 3/4 mile E of Mason Rd.) and 2 miles N of Table Rock

CITY, TOWN

Table Rock

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barbara Yell Farmhouse, a two-story, three bay by one bay frame dwelling has been so altered that it lacks architectural significance. A better example is G-V-A-033.

This site includes a frame bank barn, a frame gable-roofed workshop, a frame springhouse, and a small cemetery. The springhouse is the only structure that retains its architectural integrity. It is a one-story frame structure with an overhang, covered with board and batten and german siding, and a standing seam metal gable roof.

A cemetery, containing four tombstones, lies a few hundred feet northwest of the house on the north side of the dirt farmlane. The stone inscriptions are:

- 1) David Wilt/Died/ May 8, 1868/In his 71 year
- 2) Lydia/ wife of/David Wilt/died/Nov.28, 1871/Aged 71 years
- 3) Alice V./daughter/of/J.Mc & M.A. Mason/died/March 21, 1863/
In her 16 years
- 4) Ann E./daughter/J.Mc & M.A. Mason/died/ March 31, 1863/
In her ___ year

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site meets MHT survey criteria regarding date of construction prior to 1931. Further research is needed to determine any historical significance.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

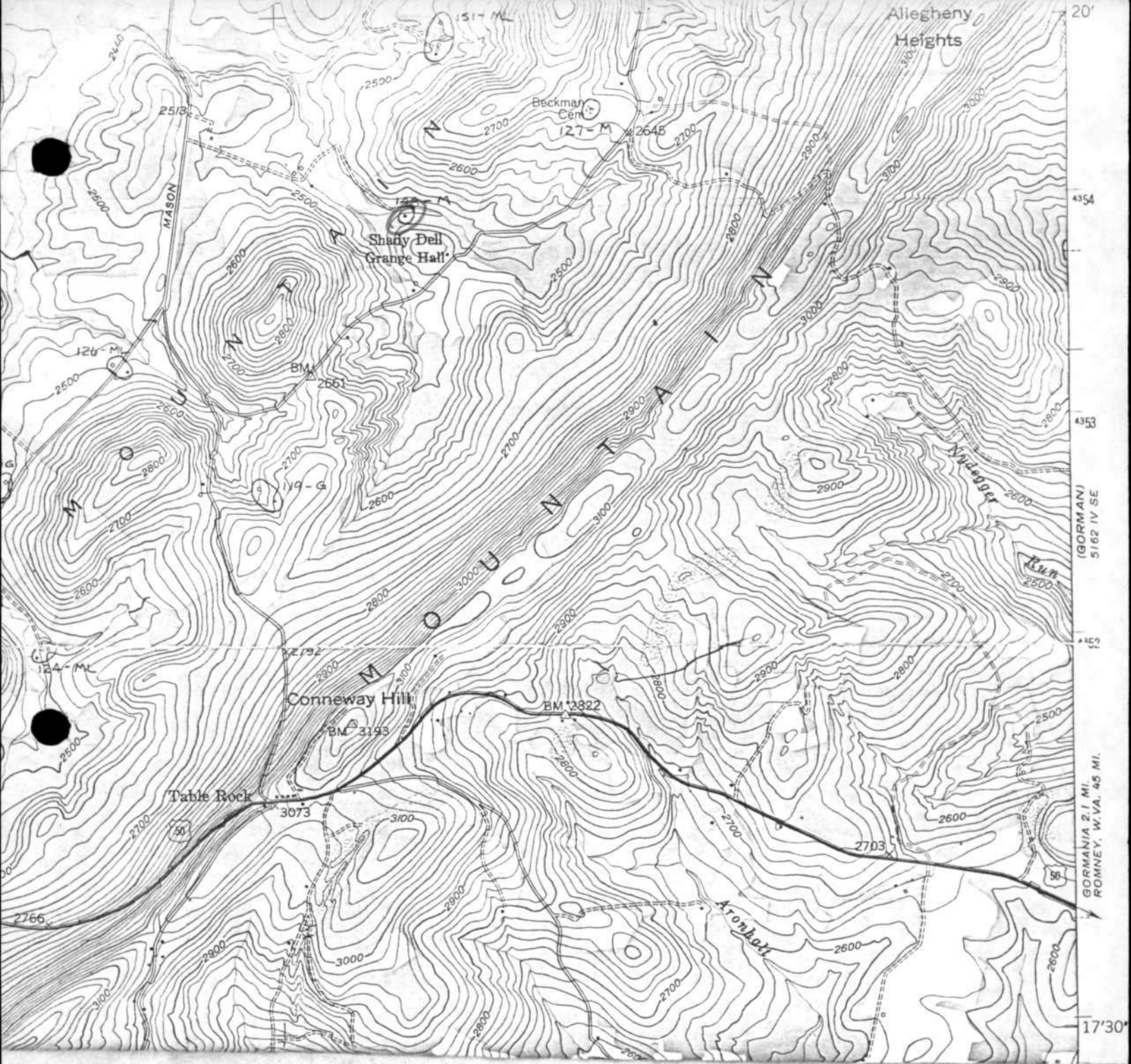


Table Rock, MD-WV
 USGS 7.5 minute series
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 1948; photorevised 1974

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 Barbara Yell Farm & Cemetery
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 east of Mason Rd.) and 2 miles
 north of Table Rock



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Barbara B. Yell Farm & Cem.

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 10/24/80

SE gable end



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NW elev.



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Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cesna 10/24/80

Springhouse, SW gable end



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